

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of: **YAMAJI, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3679

Serial No.: 09/437,296

Examiner: **DUNWOODY, Aaron M.**

Filed: **November 9, 1999**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7789

For: **FLUID COUPLING**



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 16, 2002**, extended to **March 16, 2003** by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**AMEND** claim 1 to read as follows:

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**GROUP 3600**

*Sub A* 1. (Amended) A fluid coupling comprising:

first and second coupling members having respective gasket holding annular ridges on  
butting end faces thereof; and

an annular gasket interposed between two coupling members,